

## STRIKE TODAY AT POTOMAC YARDS

Three Hundred Men Walk  
Out Tying Up Traf-  
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## MAY ADJUST TODAY

Probable That Employes Will Re-  
turn to Work Tomorrow.—Ask  
Minimum Wage of 85c an Hour.

### BULLETIN

The strikers late this afternoon de-  
cided to return to work on the infor-  
mation received from the national of-  
ficers of the association. Some of the  
men returned to work at 4 o'clock  
this afternoon and others will go later.  
This therefore, ends the strike.

Three hundred employes of the  
Potomac Railroad yards, who are  
employed by the Richmond, Freder-  
icksburg and Potomac Railroad, went  
on a strike at 7:30 o'clock this  
morning for an increase in wages.

It was, however, explained by one  
of the men that the strike was a  
protest against the railroad commit-  
tee for failing to secure the in-  
creased wage scale asked for by the  
men. The increased scale is a flat  
rate of eighty-five cents an hour.

As a result of the strike every  
wheel at the Potomac yards came to  
a stop. Those who are on a strike  
include car men, blacksmiths, sheet  
metal workers and boilermakers.

The strike was not, however, au-  
thorized by the American Federa-  
tion of Labor and is purely local.

The present pay provides for a  
sliding scale with a minimum rate  
of forty-five cents an hour and a  
maximum of seventy-three cents an  
hour.

The men reported at the yards  
at 7:30 o'clock this morning and  
simply walked out.

The walkout of the men left only  
the laborers and clerical force in  
the yards.

It was at first reported that the  
employes of the Southern would go  
out on a sympathetic strike. Un-  
ion men at these shops, however, de-  
clined that they contemplated any  
such action.

A meeting of the strikers was  
held at 10 o'clock this morning in  
the hall of the Alexandria Trades  
Council in this city. Addresses were  
made by a number of those present.

The opinion prevails that a satis-  
factory settlement will be reached  
and it is believed that the men  
probably will return to work tomor-  
row morning.

At the Potomac yards the officials  
stated this morning that the indica-  
tions are that the strike will be ad-  
justed within a few hours and that  
most of the men will return to work  
tomorrow morning.

An official of the state federation  
of labor who was present today  
stated that he had every reason to  
believe that a satisfactory adjust-  
ment would be made and that the  
men would soon return to work.

When the Gazette went to press  
this afternoon the men were still in  
session. This afternoon they were  
addressed by Mr. Walsh, of the De-  
partment of Labor, and Mr. Knight,  
of the American Federation of Car-  
men. Both of the speakers urged  
the men to return to work pending  
an adjustment of the alleged differ-  
ences.

### ROSS CONFESSES MURDER

A full confession that he alone  
murdered Richard H. Duvall, the 15  
year old youth whose body was dis-  
covered in the woods near the Uni-  
versity station, D. C., a week ago,  
was obtained yesterday by Detective  
Sergeant Kelly and Inspector Grant  
from Charles Ross, alias Charles  
Ross Webster.

### ANNUAL EXCURSION

Given by  
Ladies of the Temple Sisterhood,  
For Benefit of Charity Fund  
To Marshall Hall.  
Wednesday, June 18, 1919.  
Adults Tickets ..... 50c  
Children's Tickets ..... 25c  
Charles Macalester leaves Cameron  
Street Wharf  
10.30 a. m.; 3 and 7 p. m.  
143-3p

### FOR HOSPITAL

Lawn Fete Yields \$60.50  
The Board of Managers of the  
Alexandria Hospital wish to thank  
through the Gazette the Alexandria  
helpers of the Mt. Vernon District  
for their gift to the hospital.

This band of young people made  
\$60.50 at a lawn party and sent the  
money towards furnishing and screen-  
ing the large upstairs porch at the  
hospital, thereby affording a delight-  
ful place for rest and comfort for the  
convalescents and sick patients dur-  
ing the hot summer months.

This is a lovely and much needed  
addition to the hospital.

### ARREST OF POSTMASTER

Charles T. Shillingsburg, of High-  
land Springs, on Theft and  
Arson Charge

Postmaster Charles T. Shillings-  
burg, of Highland Springs, Va., was  
arrested last night for the alleged  
robbery of his own postoffice and  
setting it on fire. According to  
Sheriff Webb W. Sydnor, of Henrico  
County, who made the arrest of Shil-  
lingsburg in company with Postoffice  
Inspector Dickerson, the postmaster  
admitted his guilt.

Yesterday morning when the post-  
office was opened it was found that  
the safe had been robbed of \$250 in  
currency and that all records, post-  
age stamps and war savings stamps  
in the office had been piled in the  
middle of the floor and burned.

The supposed thieves made their  
entrance through the rear door by  
means of a pass key and worked the  
combination of the safe with appar-  
ent ease. Papers in the pile of rub-  
bish, which had evidently been igni-  
ted with the intent not only of de-  
stroying them but of setting the of-  
fice on fire, were still smoldering  
when the robbery was discovered.  
Only the fact that the building was  
fireproof evidently saved it from  
complete demolition.

Sheriff Sydnor and postoffice in-  
spectors were summoned to the  
scene at once. At 8 o'clock last  
night Shillingsburg was arrested  
and taken to the Henrico County  
jail.

Why the records had been de-  
stroyed by the postmaster as is al-  
leged, Sheriff Sydnor declined to  
discuss last night.

### "FREE STATE" STILL RAIDED

Over 200 Gallons of "Moonshine"  
Taken by Officers.

Luray, Va., June 17.—Officers of the  
Internal Revenue Department Sunday  
evening captured in wholesale fashion  
the output of two illicit distillers in  
what is known as "The Free State," a  
wild and rugged portion of the Blue  
Ridge, in Rappahannock county, 15  
miles east of Luray. In one of the  
plants more than 150 gallons of whis-  
key were taken, while at another  
establishment, run on a more modest  
scale, about half the amount was  
taken. The operators are said to have  
made good their escape, a fact easily  
understood when the nature and iso-  
lation of the places are known. "The  
Free State" for years has been known  
as the abode of the moonshiner, who  
pays his business almost unmolested  
by reason of his isolation from the  
outside world. The raid is said to  
have been made by three officials of  
the department, who for several days  
have been in Luray and who were sup-  
posed to have been ministerial stu-  
dents. To reach the place from Luray  
a ride of 15 miles through the most  
rugged portion of the Blue Ridge has  
to be made and no official of the de-  
partment ever undertakes the trip  
without local assistance, a feature of  
the present capture.

### HANGS HIMSELF IN JAIL

Petersburg, Va., June 17.—George  
Ransom, about 70 years of age, who  
was committed to the city jail Sun-  
day on a charge of lunacy, was found  
dead in his cell this morning, his body  
hanging by a leather belt from one of  
the bars of his cell. It is said that  
Ransom Sunday had been prevented  
from jumping into the canal at Farm-  
dale Park.

St Mary's Dramatic Club  
Will Present  
THE JONAH  
A Farce Comedy in Three Acts  
For benefit of  
Cardinal Baseball Team Uniforms  
Lyceum Hall  
Wednesday, June 18, 1919, at 8 p. m.  
Tickets ..... 50c  
143-3c.

## U. S. TROOPS ARE OUT OF MEXICO

Villa Said To Be Preparing  
To Make Repri-  
sals

## LURKING IN THE HILLS

Rebels Expect to Operate in Small  
Bands, Raiding American-Owned  
Property When Possible.

El Paso, Texas, June 17.—American  
troops are out of Mexico today, but  
Francisco Villa, rebel chieftain, is re-  
ported as preparing to make reprisals  
for the inglorious defeat he suffered  
at the hands of American forces at  
Juarez yesterday. The bandit leader,  
completely routed at Juarez, is lurk-  
ing in the hills to the southeast, where  
he fled with the American cavalry  
pounding at his heels.

Villa, it is feared, will make it his  
business to carry on guerrilla war-  
fare in the hills, with American mines  
and smelters as his chief victims.  
Villa's forces are expected to oper-  
ate in small bands, raiding Ameri-  
can-owned properties wherever pos-  
sible, and occasionally swooping down  
to attack small border towns.

The action of the American forces  
in swiftly taking the field to drive  
Villa away from Juarez definitely  
prevented the bandit leader from ac-  
complishing his object of capturing  
and controlling that important border  
port. Villa's change in this defeat,  
it is believed, will lead him to seek  
revenge and imperial American lives  
and property.

Hostility against the Americans is  
prevalent throughout the entire bor-  
der district, it is declared today, and  
is not confined to Villistas, the Car-  
ranza forces sharing in the resent-  
ment over yesterday's invasion of  
the Americans.

### VIENNA COMMUNISTS RIOT

Eight Killed and 66 Injured In Clash  
With Police

Copenhagen, June 17.—In rioting in  
connection with a Communist demon-  
stration in Vienna Sunday eight per-  
sons were killed and 66 injured. The  
trouble began when 4,000 demon-  
strants attempted to obtain the release  
from prison of Communist leaders ar-  
rested Saturday.

The police fired volleys in the air  
and then into the crowd. The demon-  
strants succeeded in releasing the  
Communist leaders. Five policemen  
were wounded.

The city is reported quiet, with the  
police being supported in maintaining  
order by troops.

### JAILED AFTER FORFEIT

Fredericksburg, Va., June 17.—E.  
D. Denton, who was arrested here  
some months ago for selling liquor,  
forfeited \$1,000 in liberty bonds by  
failing to show up for trial. When  
his case was called Denton was fined  
\$500 and given six months in jail.  
Passing through here Sunday in an  
automobile he was recognized by  
City Sergeant J. C. Chichester and  
jailed. In addition to forfeiting his  
bond Denton will now have to pay  
the fine and serve the jail sentence.

### FLIGHT UPSIDE DOWN

Former Lieutenant Payne Found  
Ocean Apparently Overhead  
And Sky Underneath

New York, June 17.—Captain Al-  
cock's reported statement that for  
some time in the fog the Vickers-  
Vimy was flying upside down broug-  
ht forth yesterday an interesting recital  
of his own similar experience from  
former Lieutenant C. H. Payne, U.  
S. N., a member of the Aero Club of  
America, who saw submarine patrol  
service during the war at stations all  
the way from Pensacola to Chatham.

"Patrolling in an R-6 from the Bay  
Shore Naval Air Station," said Lieu-  
tenant Payne, "I saw the fog drifting  
in and hurried to beat it back. I had  
not started soon enough, however,  
and soon found myself in the thick of  
it. Every landmark, and even the  
ocean, were blotted out.

"Fog is the great enemy of the air-  
man as it is of the sailor. I shut off  
my motor, thinking to plane down to  
where I could get sight of the water.  
I was watching the compass and the  
altimeter at the same time, and I  
thought it was odd that the latter  
instrument showed no marked change  
in altitude, but wasn't especially con-  
cerned because they have been known  
to get out of order.

"But presently I came out of the  
fog and got the scare of my life. Ap-  
parently far below me as a looked  
over the edge of the fuselage was the  
sky, and overhead, not so far away  
was the Atlantic ocean. There was  
no peculiar physical sensation, but I  
was a tremendous mental shock.

"It took me a few seconds to real-  
ize what had happened. Then came  
the understanding that in trying to  
plane down through the fog I had  
turned completely over and was fly-  
ing upside down. I tried to start the  
motor but the gasoline refused to  
feed, so I went into a sideslip, got  
right side up again, and lost no time  
in getting to the surface of the wa-  
ter. I hit it inside of Fire Island and  
landed home.

### STUDENT SHOTS SISTER

Hears Suspicious Noise Downstairs  
And Fires Shot Without  
Warning

Philadelphia, June 17.—Firing in  
the darkness down the stairs of his  
home at a form he thought was  
that of a burglar, Otto Borgnesser,  
a 17 year old student at the Uni-  
versity of Pennsylvania, shot and se-  
riously wounded his sister, Marie, 23  
years old, about 1 o'clock yesterday  
morning. Although the weapon was  
only a 22 calibre rifle, the wound is  
serious, the bullet piercing the left  
side. She is in the Presbyterian  
Hospital where it is said her condi-  
tion is serious. The lad, a slight  
nervous boy, is tremendously broken  
up over the tragedy. He was  
arrested and released on \$1500 bail  
to await the result of his sister's  
injuries.

### TAG DAY FRIDAY

Audubon Society to Sell Tags That  
Afternoon

There are now seven Junior Au-  
dubon Societies in the Washington  
and Lee Schools.

Friday will be bird day and the  
boys of Washington School will sell  
tags, the proceeds to go toward  
paying for a large Martin house  
which will be erected on the high  
school grounds. The sale of the  
tags will be made by pupils in the  
schools after 3 o'clock Friday. They  
will be disposed of on King street.

### ATTENTION!

To the boys in khaki.

All soldiers, sailors and marines, who saw ser-  
vice at home or abroad are cordially invited to the  
Masonic Welcome at the Masonic Temple Wednesday  
night, June 18th, at 8 p. m.

This will be an open meeting to all soldiers, sailors  
and marines who are not Masons as well as to those  
who are Masons.

All other members of the fraternity are invited to  
be present to welcome our heroes.

A few speeches, a lot of music, plenty of refresh-  
ments.

Under the auspices of Alexandria Washington  
Lodge No. 22 A. F. and A. M.

C. PAGE WALLER, Jr.

Secretary.

## HUNS DECLARE "WE WON'T SIGN"

Party Leaders Emphatic in  
Saying They Will Re-  
ject Treaty

## ASSEMBLY PROTESTS

Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau, Head  
of German Delegates Reaches Wei-  
mar From Paris.

Berlin, June 17.—"We won't sign!"  
Stripped of all verbiage, these  
three words constitute, almost with-  
out exception today, the reply of  
Germany's leaders to the allied peace  
terms. While they have not yet been  
able to study the treaty after its final  
modifications, party leaders and those  
of the national assembly were em-  
phatic that the treaty will be rejected  
unless the allied answer meets the  
German counter proposals. It is am-  
ong the national assembly, which  
will unquestionably determine Ger-  
many's final answer, that the loudest  
protests are made.

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau,  
head of the German delegates to  
Paris, reached Weimar this after-  
noon with the entente answer.

The course which the government  
will take in its consideration of the  
treaty was not announced officially  
but it is understood that it will be  
turned over as quickly as possible  
to the national assembly which will  
sit as a body in its consideration.

Leaders interviewed today were  
members of the peace committee of  
the National Assembly, before whom  
the treaty probably first shall come.  
Their statements reflected the senti-  
ment of their respective parties.

All leaders declared flatly that they  
would not sign.

### APPEAL FOR AID

Facts People Need to Know Con-  
cerning the Children's Home  
of Virginia

Ten thousand of Virginia's little  
children, many of them belonging to  
soldiers and sailors, are in un-  
fortunate conditions, and need hom-  
ing.

The society was chartered by the  
Virginia Legislature in 1900.

The society receives no aid from  
the state. It is supported entirely  
by voluntary offerings.

The work is inter-denominational,  
and is worthy of the aid of every  
person.

Who would not help to save a  
helpless, innocent child?

The work of this society is sup-  
plementary to the work of our or-  
phanages and other children's in-  
stitutions. The work does not conflict.  
In round numbers twenty-five hun-  
dred (2,500) little children have been  
gathered up, aided or homed.

Last year, ending May 1st, 1919,  
(1,640) were aided, handled or homed  
in one year.

The recent epidemic of influenza is  
sending hundreds of motherless or  
fatherless little ones to our doors.

This is a plea to YOU to help. The  
call is in the name of the one who  
said, "Suffer the little children to  
come unto Me."

Christian homes are found for  
these children.

The society has over (1,148) who  
belong to it legally.

The need is imperative—a receiv-  
ing home a necessity.

The campaign for funds with  
which to purchase the buildings is to  
be held June 10-26, 1919. Every one  
help.

### THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Annual Closing to be Held June 30.

Class of Thirty to Receive Di-  
plomas of Graduation

The annual closing exercises of the  
public schools of this city will be  
held June 30.

The graduates of the Alexandria  
High School will hold their finals  
that night in the auditorium of the  
school.

It is expected that a class of about  
thirty will receive diplomas of gra-  
duation.

The annual distribution of certi-  
ficates of promotion and other  
awards will be made in the different  
schools beginning at 9 o'clock Mon-  
day morning June 30.

### GRADUATING EXERCISES

Fifteen to Get Sheepskins at St.  
Mary's Today.

The following is a list of those who  
will receive diplomas of graduation  
in the academic course at the fiftieth  
annual commencement exercises of  
St. Mary's Academy which will take  
place at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon in  
the assembly hall of that institution:  
Misses Canadida Fellee Acerboni  
Middletown, Conn.; Margaret Mary  
Burns, Washington, D. C.; Catherine  
Margaret Crilly, Washington, D. C.;  
Regina Loretta Fannon, Alexandria,  
Va.; Agnes Catherine Franey, Har-  
risonburg, Va.; Christine Agnes Nie-  
hols, Washington, D. C.; Louise  
Agnes Robinson, Philadelphia; Elsie  
Celeste Teague, Birmingham, Ala.;  
Georgianna Virginia Warren, Wash-  
ington, D. C.; Margaret Boyd Whit-  
t, Rosslyn.

Graduates in the commercial course  
will be as follows: Misses Catherine  
Mildred Brock; Annapolis, Md.; Flo-  
rence May Hooper, Washington, D. C.;  
Agnes Cecelia Jenkins, Alexandria;  
Edna Marine McCauley, Del Ray, Va.;  
Ruby Emma Yates, Baltimore, Md.

### KILL FRIEND

Chicago, June 17.—In demon-  
strating the Dempsey knockout blow  
which is expected to win the cham-  
pionship from Willard, Edward Foss  
of 2744 Shields avenue, killed his  
friend, Frank Feeney, of 2722 Nor-  
mal avenue, Saturday. The Demp-  
sey-Willard fight had been the topic  
Foss declared that Dempsey would  
win by a knockout. Feeney said he  
would bet his life on Big Jess.

"Jack will deliver the knock out  
like this," said Foss, shooting a  
blow to Feeney's chin. Feeney fell  
to the sidewalk and died.

### GERMANY STILL DEFIANT

Officials in Berlin Assert Revised  
Pact Will Not be Signed

Berlin, June 17.—A canvass of of-  
ficials qualified to speak for absent  
Government officials adduced the  
blunt, positive statement that unless  
the revised proposals statement of the  
Entente nations contain most radical  
modifications in spirit and in  
letter Germany would not sign the  
peace treaty.

While the postponed delivery of  
the Entente reply was looked upon  
as a favorable omen, although on  
dangling from the most slender  
thread, it may be said that the Gov-  
ernment, so far as it is still repre-  
sented in Berlin, is not indulging in  
the luxury of undue illusions as to  
what the next 48 hours will bring  
forth.

Alleged modifications in the draft  
of the treaty, as reported to Berlin  
through neutral news sources, are  
rejected in official quarters here as  
wholly insufficient to warrant the  
prediction that the Government will  
be inclined to subject them to close  
scrutiny.

Emphasis also was placed on the  
statement that the cabinet, which  
now is fully represented at Weimar  
was absolutely united in its attitude  
and that there was on prospect of  
an internal division which might  
break up the present Government  
and produce a new ministry.

### KRONSTADT NEAR FALL

White Flag Said to Have Been Raised  
Over Naval Base of Petrograd

Heisingfors, June 17.—The fall of  
Kronstadt, the naval base of Petro-  
grad, is imminent, according to re-  
ports received by naval circles here  
from Reval, the capital of Estonia.  
The reports say that a white flag has  
been hoisted over the fortress several  
times by its Bolshevik defenders.  
Stockholm, June 17.—White Guard  
have captured the important fort of  
Krasnayagorka, across the bay, of  
Kronstadt from the fortress of Kron-  
stadt, the chief seaward defense of  
Petrograd, according to an official  
statement issued from Estonian  
headquarters. It is said that the white  
guards won their success after the  
garrison of the fort had mutinied  
against the Bolsheviks.

London, June 17.—Active prepara-  
tions are being made for the evacua-  
tion of Petrograd, it is announced in  
a wireless dispatch from Moscow re-  
ceived here today.

### CALLED MEETING

There will be a called meeting of  
Mt Vernon Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M.  
on Tuesday evening, June 17 at 8  
p. m. to confer mark and Past Mas-  
ters degrees Work R. A. M.  
143-2p. F. W. Latham, Secty.

## HAPPENINGS ABOUT CITY TOLD IN BRIEF

Today is the 144th anniversary of  
Bunker Hill.

Only thirteen more days before  
the commencement of the big  
drouth which goes into operation  
July 1.

The regular monthly meeting of  
the Martha Washington Chapter No.  
42 O. E. S. will be held in the Ma-  
sonic Temple tonight at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Fountain Payne, of  
Charlottesville, Va., are visiting  
their cousins, Capt. and Mrs. V. A.  
Payne, at their home in North Col-  
umbus street.

The Tuesday evening dancing  
school will be held this evening at the  
Old Dominion Boat Club under the  
direction of Misses Eliza Douglas and  
Katherine Waller.

Mrs. Ralph J. Klonz and Mrs. Al-  
bert Linde, have returned to their  
home in Brooklyn, New York, after  
spending a week with their sister,  
Mrs. R. W. Herfurth.

Mrs. Virginia C. Martin, has re-  
ceived a telegram announcing the  
safe arrival from overseas of her  
son, Corporal Charles W. Martin,  
who is now at Camp Stuart, Va.

Merchants of the city are request-  
ed to decorate their places of busi-  
ness for the launching of the Venada  
Saturday. The launching will take  
place at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ellen R.  
Denty, who died Sunday at the Alex-  
andria Hospital, were held this af-  
ternoon at Pohick Church. Services  
were conducted by Rev. Dr. S. A.  
Wallis of the Episcopal Theological  
Seminary and burial was in the ceme-  
tery at Pohick.

Alexandria Lodge No. 758, Benevo-  
lent and Protective Order of Elks,  
last night initiated a class of  
about forty candidates. This is the  
largest class in point of number in-  
itiated this year by that organiza-  
tion. Alexandria Lodge of Elks is  
rapidly growing.

The ladies of the Temple Sister-  
hood will give their annual excu-  
sion to Marshall Hall tomorrow.  
Proceeds of the excursion will be for  
the charity fund of this organiza-  
tion. It is expected that the excu-  
sion will be largely patronized as  
the cause is a worthy one. Excu-  
sions given by this organization at-  
tract large crowds who have patro-  
nized them in previous years have  
greatly enjoyed these outings.

### WOULD SUCCEED BUCHANAN

Senator From Suffolk Offers for  
Lieutenant-Governor in 1921

Senator J. E. West, of Suffolk,  
representative in the General As-  
sembly of the Thirtieth Senatorial  
District announced last night that  
he would be a candidate in the Dem-  
ocratic primary of 1921 for the office  
of Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia,  
to succeed B. Frank Buchanan,  
who will offer for Governor.

The Senator from Suffolk is the  
first definitely to enter the field for  
this office, though it has been rum-  
ored that Thomas B. McAdams, a  
Richmond banker, will be an aspir-  
ant. Mr. McAdams, however, has  
declined to make a formal announce-  
ment.

### DEATH OF MISS SLAYMAKER

Miss Elizabeth Faith Slaymaker,  
daughter of Alexander Slaymaker,  
this city, died Saturday at Black  
Mountain, N. C., she had been ill a  
long time.

The body was brought here and  
taken to Wheatley's mortuary chapel  
and her funeral will take place at 2  
o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the  
Second Presbyterian Church. Services  
will be conducted by Rev. Dr. John  
Lee Allison, pastor, and burial will  
be in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Vulcanizing done right, right now.  
Alexandria Auto Supply Co., South-  
east corner Washington and King  
Street, Phone 690.